Searching in the ODU Library & OhioLINK Library Catalogs

**ODU Library Catalog:** Search our collection.

**OhioLINK Library Catalog:** Search statewide.

**Basic Search Strategy**

1. Choose search terms (“keywords”) that represent 2-3 of the major elements (concepts) of your topic
2. Use synonyms, related terms
3. Look for terms to use in the articles, article abstracts, and elsewhere in the databases
4. Use AND to connect your terms in order to find books & ebooks that contain all of your terms

Just type in words from your topic. Sample searches:

- pronunciation and tesol
- pronunciation and esl
- reading and culture and l2

**Need to focus on TESOL Research?**

Use the Advanced Keyword Search option and include a subject search focused on your discipline.

Sample Advanced Keyword Search in Library Catalog:

- Subject: English foreign speakers
- Any Field: pronunciation

This will search for **English and foreign and speakers** in the **Subject Headings** – Good for focusing your search on finding works with any of the following subjects:

- English language study and teaching foreign speakers
- English language study and teaching (elementary) foreign speakers
- English language study and teaching (primary) foreign speakers
- English language study and teaching (secondary) foreign speakers
Searching in the ODU Library Catalog for a Specific Author

Have you identified an author who has written a good article or book on your topic of interest? Search by the author’s name to see if the individual has written additionally on your topic.

Type in the author’s last name, first name and select AU Author from the menu.

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